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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 36671-744.502

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kenneth F. Buechler) Group Art Unit: 1641
Application No.: 10/645,874) Examiner: Lum, Leon Yun Bon
Filed: August 20, 2003) Confirmation No.: 8658
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR)
MEASURING BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE)
Natriuretic Peptides AND FOR)
IMPROVING THEIR THERAPEUTIC)
POTENTIAL)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

M/S Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2008. This Response is submitted **MARCH 18, 2009**, therefore an extension fee is required to enter this response under 37 CFR § 1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and/or applicable section, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Attorney Docket No. 36671-744.502).

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